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Under the Tunney Act, I wish to comment on the proposed Microsoft settlement.

Microsofts use of restrictive licensing terms keeps opensource applications from running on windows.

This is really a crazy idea that Microsoft does with their OS. I am not banned from using other car parts when fixxing my automobile.
If I can get the part to fit and work properly in my car GM or Ford or Saturn ... do not have a ban prohibiting me from using nonproprietary parts. The same idea should apply once I buy the OS. Why can't I choose what software I want to run on windows?

Microsoft currently uses restrictive licensing terms to keep Windows apps from running on competing operating systems.

Why must I use the Windows OS for MS applications. If a third party OS can run a MS app like Excel, why can't I use Excel on that OS. If I purchase the software I should be allowed to use it on any OS I please.

Microsoft's enterprise license agreements (used by large companies, state governments, and universities) charge by the number of computers which could run a Microsoft operating system -- even for computers running competing operating systems such as Linux! (Similar licenses to OEMs were once banned by the 1994 consent decree.)

This license idea really tells me that I must also buy their OS too.
Similarly
If I purchased a GM car and they said I must buy GM tires in 70,000 miles when they need replaced and I need GM oil filters when they are replaced every 3,000 miles.

Microsoft is very hostile to their customers in very sneaky ways and I really feel that they need to have their system opened for all to use.
I don't have any freedom.

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